THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

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WRIT PETITION NO : 14654 of 2005

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Dated: 14.09.2005

Between:

Sundeep Kumar, S/o. Ranveer Singh,
R/o. D.No. 13-3-613/A,
Ziaguda, Hyderabad.

..... PETITIONER

AND

Divisional Engineer, Operations, A.P. Transco,
Afzalgunj, Opp : Osmania Hospital, Hyderabad.

… **RESPONDENTS**

ORDER:

Seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in demanding an amount of Rs.1,01,339/- from the petitioner towards the bill amount for the service connection bearing No.L4 016232 situated in House No.13-3-613/A, Ziaguda, Puranapul, Hyderabad is arbitrary and illegal, this writ petition is filed.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that there is no justification on the part of the respondents in directing the petitioner to pay Rs.1,01,339/- and that the bill does not indicate the accurate consumption charges and therefore, he prays to allow the writ petition.

On the other hand, learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents

contended that the bill amount relates to the period from 2003 till disconnection of the service connection and if the petitioner is disputing about the correctness of the bill, he has to approach the respondents by making a representation.

If the petitioner is disputing about the correctness of the bill with regard to the consumption of the units after disconnection, he has to give a representation to respondents 1 and 2 and thereafter respondents 1 and 2 have to decide the same in accordance with law.

Therefore, without entering into the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition directing the petitioner to make a representation to respondents 1 and 2. However, it is made clear that the service connection of the petitioner shall be restored on petitioner paying half of the amount demanded in the impugned notice.

The writ petition, with the above direction, is disposed of. No costs.

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